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SUBJECT: Senate Hearings on Compensation of Federal Officials.

The Flanders Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service concluded its hearings on the proposal to increase top Federal salaries this morning, after hearing testimony from former President Herbert Hoover; Mr. John Stevenson, President, Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Mr. Arthur Flemming; and former Rep. Robert Ramspeck.

The Director of Central Intelligence was not mentioned. Mr. Hoover was the least specific, dealing only with the broad aspects of the problem. All agreed that such pay raises were necessary. It was the general consensus that those proposed yesterday by Mr. Webb came nearer to meeting the need than those suggested in the Committee draft. Senator Flanders, in concluding the hearings, stated that of course he could not say what the final recommendations of the Committee would be, but indicated his feeling that the witnesses had presented strong arguments and cogent facts in backing up their contention.

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